

**CHAPTER cciii.**

An Act to provide for the acquisition and construction of piers and landing places on the River Thames in the administrative county of London by the London County Council and to make provision for a service of vessels for passengers and parcels and for other purposes.

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**W**HEREAS the River Thames passes through or by the administrative county of London for a distance of twenty-two miles or thereabouts between Hammersmith on the west and Barking Reach on the east:

And whereas from time to time passenger boats on the said river have been worked by companies or others but no satisfactory service has been provided in recent years within the said county:

And whereas it is expedient with a view to making proper use of the river as a highway for the convenience of the public that provision should be made for the acquisition by the London County Council (herein-after referred to as "the Council") of the piers and landing places or some of them within the said limits and the improvement of piers and landing places so acquired and the establishment of an efficient passenger boat service:

And whereas the existing piers and landing places and works connected therewith on the river within the administrative county of London are for the most part vested in and under the management of the Conservators of the River Thames but there are other piers landing places and works within the county belonging to other persons and it is expedient with a view to the improvement

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of such piers landing places and works and the provision of new piers landing places and works that powers should be conferred upon the Council and the Conservators and such other persons respectively as in this Act set forth :

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And whereas by an Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth intituled "An Act for making and maintaining a pier wharf and other works at Greenwich in the county of Kent" the Greenwich Pier Company was incorporated and by that Act and an Act amending the same the said Greenwich Pier Company was empowered to erect and maintain a pier wharf and other works incidental thereto in the parish of Saint Alphege Greenwich in the county of Kent :

And whereas the pier constructed by the said Greenwich Pier Company in pursuance of the said powers (herein-after referred to as "Greenwich Pier") is as to a portion thereof erected on lands held by the said Greenwich Pier Company on lease from the Lords Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland as successors of the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital and as to the remainder thereof upon land belonging or reputed to belong to the said Greenwich Pier Company :

And whereas it is expedient that the Council should own and control a pier for the purposes of this Act on the south side of the River Thames at or in close proximity to the site of Greenwich Pier and accordingly that the Council should be empowered to acquire the undertaking and property of the said Greenwich Pier Company :

And whereas the Council have caused to be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of London plans of the lands (including piers landing places approaches accesses and other works) which may be taken for the purposes or under the powers of this Act and also a book of reference to such plans containing the names of the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and of the occupiers of those lands and such plans and book of reference are respectively referred to in this Act as "the deposited plans and book of reference" :

And whereas it is estimated that the amount which the Council will require to expend on capital account for the purposes of this Act will be two hundred and eighty thousand pounds :

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And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament: A.D. 1904.

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Thames River Steamboat Service Act 1904.* Short title.

2. In this Act the following words and expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction namely:— Interpretation.

The expression "the Council" means the London County Council;

The expression "the Conservators" means the Conservators of the River Thames;

The expression "the Greenwich Company" means the Greenwich Pier Company;

The expression "the limits of this Act" means that part of the River Thames which is situate between the eastern end of Chiswick Eyot in the metropolitan borough of Hammer-smith on the west and the eastern boundary of the parish of Plumstead in the metropolitan borough of Woolwich on the east;

The expression "lands" includes piers landing places approaches and accesses and works connected therewith and any estate or interest therein and any rights or privileges exerciseable thereat;

The expression "vessel" means and includes any ship lighter keel barge launch house-boat pleasure or other boat randan wherry skiff dinghy shallop punt canoe yacht raft float of timber or craft whatever however navigated;

The expression "the piers and landing places" whether with or without a reference to other works means piers landing places approaches and accesses transferred or leased to or acquired constructed worked or controlled by the Council under the provisions of this Act and works connected therewith respectively;



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And the several words and expressions to which by the Acts wholly or partly incorporated herewith meanings are assigned have in this Act the same respective meanings unless there be in the subject or context something repugnant to or inconsistent with such construction :

Provided that for the purposes of this Act the expressions "the promoters of the undertaking" and "the Company" in the Lands Clauses Acts shall be construed to mean "the Council" and the expression "lands" shall be construed to include the same matters and things as are included in the expression "lands" as defined by this Act.

Incorporation of Acts.

3. The following Acts and part of an Act are incorporated with and form part of this Act namely:—

The Lands Clauses Acts (except section 127 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and except where expressly varied by this Act); and

Section 28 of the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847.

Transfer of piers by Conservators of River Thames by agreement.

4. It shall be lawful for the Council on the one hand and the Conservators on the other hand to enter into and carry into effect any agreement or agreements with respect to the following matters or any of them:—

(1) The transfer or granting to the Council by the Conservators of any piers landing places or other similar works and any moorings mooring-chains buoys or other appliances belonging to the Conservators within the limits of this Act or any approaches or accesses to or any estate or interest in such piers landing places works and appliances :

(2) The transfer to and exercise by the Council of any powers and rights of the Conservators with respect to the levying of tolls rates and charges at and the maintenance management and regulation of any piers landing places approaches accesses moorings mooring-chains buoys and other works and appliances so transferred.

Transfer of other piers to Council by agreement.

5. It shall be lawful for the Council to enter into and carry into effect agreements with the owners of and persons interested in any piers landing places moorings mooring-chains buoys and works on the River Thames within the limits of this Act for the

transfer or granting to the Council of such piers landing places moorings mooring-chains buoys and works respectively or any of them together with any lands and property belonging thereto or occupied therewith respectively or any estate or interest in such piers landing places works lands or property and all or any rights and privileges exerciseable at or in respect of such piers landing places moorings mooring-chains buoys or works but subject to the payment to the Conservators of any rents which at the time of such transfer or grant shall be payable in respect thereof to the Conservators and to the performance of any covenants and conditions enforceable by the Conservators in respect thereof.

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6. At any time within three years after the passing of this Act the Council may by notice in writing require the Greenwich Company to sell and the Greenwich Company shall thereupon sell to them their undertaking (including therein all the property estates rights and privileges and subject to all the liabilities and obligations of the Greenwich Company) and the Council shall purchase the same upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Council and the Greenwich Company or as may failing such agreement be settled by arbitration in manner provided by the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement and for such purpose in construing the said provisions the term "lands" used therein shall be construed to mean the undertaking of the Greenwich Company.

Transfer of  
undertaking  
of Greenwich  
Pier Com-  
pany.

7. It shall be lawful for the Council to exercise within the limits of this Act the following powers:—

Power to  
maintain  
piers and to  
construct  
new piers  
and works.

- (1) To maintain alter improve remove or discontinue any of the existing piers landing places and approaches and any moorings mooring-chains buoys or other appliances acquired by or transferred to them under the powers of this Act and to make new accesses and approaches to any such piers and landing places:
- (2) To construct new piers and landing places and approaches and accesses thereto and other similar works with the licence of the Conservators and to maintain alter improve remove or discontinue the same:

Provided that the Council shall not commence the construction of any new pier or other work or the alteration or improvement of any existing pier or

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other work under the powers of this Act until plans and sections have been submitted to and approved by the Conservators and all such works shall be executed and performed to the satisfaction of the engineer of the Conservators and the traffic of the river shall not be interfered with more than may be absolutely necessary in the execution of the works :

Provided further that the consideration payable to the Conservators in respect of any such works as aforesaid shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of section 116 of the Thames Conservancy Act 1894 or any statutory provision in lieu thereof for the time being in force :

- (3) To provide with the licence of the Conservators such stages moorings mooring-chains buoys and other appliances as shall be necessary at and in connection with the piers and landing places.

For protec-  
tion of  
trustees of  
Inner and  
Middle  
Temples.

8. Nothing in this Act shall authorise the Council to construct any pier landing place and approaches thereto or any similar works or to provide any moorings mooring-chains buoys or other appliances on the foreshore or bed of the river lying to the south of the land vested in the respective trustees of the societies of the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple or in any way to interfere with the access to their private landing place without the consent in writing of the treasurers for the time being of the two societies respectively.

Power to  
dredge

9. For the purpose of making and improving access to and use of the piers and landing places from time to time belonging to or worked or controlled by the Council it shall be lawful for the Council with the licence of the Conservators within the limits of this Act from time to time to deepen dredge and improve the bed channel and foreshore of the River Thames and the Council may dispose by sale or otherwise as they may think fit of the ballast or material so excavated :

Provided always that all dredging or other works done under this section under or within fifty yards on either side of any bridge belonging to the Corporation of the City of London shall be executed under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the said Corporation.



10. Notwithstanding any powers contained in this Act no works of dredging or deepening shall be carried out under the powers of this Act in the bed of the River Thames within three hundred yards of any portion of the Thames Tunnel without the consent in writing of the East London Railway Company and the East London Railway Joint Committee.

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For protection of East London Railway Company and East London Railway Joint Committee.

11. All dredging or other works affecting the bed or banks of the River Thames done under the powers of this Act under or within fifty yards on either side of any bridge over the said river belonging to the South Eastern Railway Company or the London Chatham and Dover Railway Company or the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Companies' Managing Committee or to the London and South Western Railway Company (in this section respectively referred to as "the railway company") shall be executed under the supervision (if he shall give such supervision) and subject to any reasonable requirements of the engineer to the railway company to whom due notice with particulars shall be given except in case of emergency. Provided that if any question shall arise as to whether any such requirement is reasonable or otherwise such question shall be determined by an engineer to be appointed on the application of either party by the president of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

As to dredging near bridges of South Eastern and Chatham Railway Companies' Managing Committee and London and South Western Railway Company.

12. For the protection of the Greenwich Company the following provisions shall unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Greenwich Company on the one hand and the Council on the other hand apply and have effect until the expiration of the period of thirteen years from the date of the passing of this Act or until the Council have purchased the undertaking of the Greenwich Company whichever shall first happen (that is to say) :—

For protection of Greenwich Pier Company.

(1) The Council shall not under the powers of this Act without the consent in writing of the Greenwich Company construct or place on the south side of the River Thames within a distance of half a mile on either side of Greenwich pier or on the north side of the river within a distance of a quarter of a mile on either side of the northern entrance to Greenwich tunnel any new pier landing place mooring mooring-chain or other similar work :

(2) All works of deepening dredging or improving the bed channel or foreshore of the River Thames under the

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powers of this Act within thirty yards of any part of Greenwich pier shall be executed under the supervision (if he shall give such supervision) and subject to any reasonable requirements of the engineer to the Greenwich Company to whom due notice with particulars shall be given except in case of emergency. Provided that if any question shall arise as to whether any such requirement is reasonable or otherwise such question shall be determined by an engineer to be appointed on the application of either party by the president of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

For protec-  
tion of  
Metropolitan  
District Rail-  
way Com-  
pany.

**13.** All dredging or other works affecting the bed or banks of the River Thames executed under the powers of this Act within fifty yards of the Putney Bridge (Fulham) pier of the Metropolitan District Railway Company (in this section called "the company") or within the like distance of the company's generating station (constructed under the powers of the Metropolitan District Railway Acts 1900 and 1901) situate on the bank of the River Thames near Lots Road Chelsea or which may affect the condensing water pipes or any other works connected with such generating station shall only be executed under the supervision (if he shall give such supervision) and subject to the reasonable requirements of the engineer to the company to whom due notice with particulars shall be given except in case of emergency. Provided that if any question shall arise as to whether any such requirement is reasonable or otherwise such question shall be determined by an engineer to be appointed on the application of either party by the president of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

For protec-  
tion of  
Thames  
Steamboat  
Company  
(1897)  
Limited.

**14.** For the protection of the Thames Steamboat Company (1897) Limited (in this section referred to as "the company") the following provisions shall unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Council and the company have effect (that is to say) :—

- (1) The company may at any time within three months after the passing of this Act give to the Council notice in writing requiring them to purchase the piers of the company situate on the River Thames within the limits of this Act :
- (2) If the company shall within the said period give such notice as aforesaid the Council shall purchase and the



company shall sell to them all the said piers and any rights and powers connected therewith:

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- (3) The price to be paid by the Council to the company on such sale and purchase shall be such a sum as may be agreed between the Council and the company or as may failing such agreement be ascertained by arbitration under the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1889 Provided that the company shall not claim or be entitled to any compensation for severance of the said piers from the remainder of the undertaking of the company or for any injury to the remainder of the said undertaking resulting from such purchase.

**15.** The Council may charge and levy in respect of vessels calling at the piers and landing places a toll not exceeding the amount stated in the schedule to this Act which shall be payable by the owner master or person in charge of such vessel and the collector of the said tolls at any such pier or landing place may prevent any vessel the master owner or person in charge of which shall neglect or refuse to pay on demand the proper amount of toll payable in respect of such vessel from making fast to or mooring or touching at such pier or landing place.

Tolls on  
vessels.

The Council may permit any stages moorings mooring-chains buoys or other appliances provided by them under this Act to be used by any vessels on such terms and conditions and on payment of such charges as they may from time to time prescribe.

**16.** It shall be lawful for the Council to contract for provide or cause to be constructed or to purchase or take on hire vessels and to run a service of vessels suitable for the conveyance of passengers and parcels within the limits of this Act and to maintain renew and work such vessels.

Service of  
passenger  
vessels.

**17.** The Council may (if they think fit) carry parcels on the vessels provided by them as aforesaid provided that no such parcel shall exceed one hundred and twelve pounds in weight.

Parcels.

**18.** Nothing in this Act shall authorise the Council to carry on such vessels any cattle or other animals or any goods articles or merchandise other than parcels not exceeding one hundred and twelve pounds in weight.

Council not  
to carry  
animals &c.

**19.** The Council may charge for the conveyance of passengers and parcels by any such vessel as aforesaid any rates or charges not exceeding those stated in the schedule to this Act.

Rates for  
passengers  
and parcels.

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Passengers'  
luggage.

**20.**—(1) Every passenger by any such vessel as aforesaid may take with him his personal luggage not exceeding fifty-six pounds in weight without any charge being made for the carriage thereof provided that all such personal luggage be carried by the passenger and at the responsibility of the passenger and shall not occupy any part of a seat or be of a form or description to annoy or inconvenience any other passenger.

(2) The Council may at their option either refuse to carry the personal luggage beyond fifty-six pounds in weight of any passenger or charge for such excess the rates and charges authorised by this Act for the conveyance of parcels:

Provided that the Council shall not be at liberty to refuse to carry the personal luggage not exceeding one hundred and twelve pounds in weight of any passenger except at times on occasions or under circumstances which they shall have previously specified by notices displayed at the entrances to the piers and landing places.

Provision of  
refreshments  
on vessels.

**21.** The Council may provide and sell or may enter into any agreement or arrangement with any company or persons for the provision and sale on the said vessels of refreshments of all kinds subject to the provisions of all Acts relating thereto and the Council may also upon such terms and conditions and for such periods as they may think fit grant to any company or persons the right to so provide and sell refreshments.

Byelaws.

**22.** It shall be lawful for the Council to make and enforce byelaws for the following purposes or any of them:—

For the regulation and management of the piers and landing places and of the stages moorings mooring-chains buoys and other appliances and works from time to time belonging to or controlled or worked by the Council;

For preventing the commission of any nuisances in or upon any of the piers and landing places and other works, and in or about any vessels used for the purposes of the service by this Act authorised and for preserving and preventing injury and damage to such piers landing places vessels moorings mooring-chains buoys and other appliances and works;

For regulating the conveyance of passengers parcels passengers' luggage and explosives in or upon any of the piers and landing places or any such vessels as aforesaid



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respectively and the embarkation and disembarkation of the same respectively and prohibiting the bringing upon any such pier landing place or vessel of explosives or parcels or 'passengers' luggage which may in the opinion of the Council be injurious to or prejudicially affect the use of such piers landing places or vessels or cause or be likely to cause any danger to any person upon or using any such pier landing place or vessel or the traffic to be conveyed therein ;

For regulating the duties and conduct of all persons whether officers or servants of the Council or not who shall be employed or be in or about any of the piers and landing places and any such vessels and works as aforesaid ;

For the prevention of obstruction to vessels approaching lying at or departing from any of the piers and landing places and for the regulation and management of vessels resorting thereto ;

For the preservation of order among the passengers and persons using or resorting to any of the piers and landing places and any such vessels or works as aforesaid :

Provided that no such byelaw shall interfere with or affect the powers rights or jurisdiction of the Conservators or the operation of any byelaw made by them and from time to time in force.

**23.** Any person who shall offend against any byelaw made by the Council under this Act with respect to explosives or to parcels packages or passengers' luggage which may in the opinion of the Council cause or be likely to cause danger shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Penalty for contravention of byelaws as to explosives and dangerous packages.

**24.** The Council may in writing authorise any one or more of the officers in charge of any of the piers and landing places or of any vessel used for the purposes of the service by this Act authorised or any other person specially appointed by them for the purpose to open and search parcels and packages brought upon any such pier landing place or vessel and any officer or person so authorised on producing his authority if required may open and search such parcels and packages accordingly if he has reason to suspect that such parcels or packages contain explosives or any goods articles matters or things which may be declared

Inspection and search for explosives and dangerous articles.



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Powers of  
arrest.

**25.** Any constable or any officer of the Council authorised in writing to enforce any byelaws made by the Council under this Act relating to explosives or dangerous materials and any person called to the assistance of such constable or officer may without other warrant than this Act seize and detain any person committing or having committed any offence against any such byelaw whose name or residence is unknown to and cannot conveniently be ascertained by such constable or officer and take him to a police station or before a justice to be dealt with according to law. Provided that any officer of the Council acting under this Part of this Act and not being in uniform shall have with him a written authority from the Council to act and shall produce the same if required.

Penalty for  
assaulting  
resisting or  
obstructing  
officers of  
Council &c.

**26.** Every person who assaults resists or obstructs or aids or incites any person to assault resist or obstruct any officer or servant of the Council duly exercising or performing any power or duty under this Act or any byelaw made thereunder shall for every such offence be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Purchase of  
lands by  
agreement.

**27.** In addition to any lands which the Council are by this Act authorised to purchase and acquire the Council may purchase and acquire by agreement and may hold and use for the purposes of and other purposes incidental to the service by this Act authorised any lands not exceeding in extent three acres and the Council may on any such lands erect construct place and maintain such buildings works and conveniences as the Council may require for such purposes.

Saving powers  
of police under  
Thames Con-  
servancy Act.

**28.** Nothing in this Act shall prejudice or affect the powers and authorities of any police officer or constable under section 205 of the Thames Conservancy Act 1894.

Power to  
employ  
Metropolitan  
and City  
Police.

**29.** The Commissioner of Metropolitan Police and the Commissioner of City Police if they think fit at the request of the Council and upon such terms as to payment by the Council or otherwise as may from time to time be agreed upon between the Council and the respective Commissioners may provide officers and constables of police to keep the peace preserve order and prevent breaches of this Act and any byelaws of the Council for the

time being in force and generally to exercise police authority at the piers or landing places and the avenues and approaches thereto belonging to or under the control of the Council and situate within the jurisdictions of the respective Commissioners and to remove any persons who may act in contravention of this Act and the byelaws of the Council for the time being in force.

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**30.**—(1) It shall be lawful for the Council from time to time to close or prohibit or limit the access of the public to any of the piers and landing places or any of the vessels used for the purpose of the service by this Act authorised with a view to the prevention of danger or to the convenience of passengers and persons using the piers and landing places and vessels.

Further  
powers of  
regulation.

(2) Any person entering or having entered upon any of the piers and landing places or any such vessel as aforesaid which has been closed or to which access has been prohibited under this section or entering or having entered upon any such pier landing place or vessel to which access has been limited under this section in contravention of such limitation shall subject as herein-after provided be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings.

(3) The Council may remove from any such pier landing place or vessel any person so entering or having entered as aforesaid or any person entering or having entered upon any such pier landing place or vessel in breach of any byelaw of the Council or any person conducting himself in such a manner as to cause any annoyance or inconvenience to passengers.

(4) The Council shall give or cause to be given notice of the closing or prohibition or limitation of access to any such pier landing place or vessel either by means of placards posted at the entrance of the pier or landing place or the gangway of such vessel or by word of mouth and no person shall be liable to a penalty under this section for entering or having entered upon any pier landing place or vessel in respect of which such notice shall not have been given.

**31.** The Council may from time to time employ such officers servants and other persons as they may find it expedient to employ for the management and regulation of the piers and landing places and other works and vessels.

Employment  
of officers.

**32.** The provisions of the Metropolis Management Act 1855 respecting the making confirmation publication and evidence of

Regulations  
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byelaws.

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byelaws and proceedings before justices and recovery of penalties thereunder shall except as herein-after provided extend and apply to byelaws under this Act and except as aforesaid byelaws under this Act shall be deemed byelaws within the Metropolis Management Acts 1855 to 1893 and the Acts amending the same Provided always that no byelaw made by the Council under the authority of this Act shall come into operation until the same be confirmed by the Board of Trade but the approval by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State prescribed by the Metropolis Management Act 1855 shall not be necessary.

Table of tolls  
to be affixed  
at places  
where col-  
lected.

**33.** The Council shall from time to time cause to be displayed in distinct and legible characters and affixed and continued conspicuously at every place where they are authorised to demand and receive tolls under this Act tables of the tolls authorised to be taken thereat and no toll shall be demanded of any person at any such place during such time as such table is not so affixed Provided always that if any such table shall be destroyed injured or obliterated such toll shall continue payable during such time as may be reasonably required for the restoration or reparation of such table in the same manner as if the same had continued affixed and in the state required by this Act.

Power to  
make ar-  
rangements  
as to tolls.

**34.** The Council in conformity with any byelaws regulating the receipt of tolls may from time to time enter into and execute agreements with persons liable to pay tolls with respect to the mode and times for the collection and payment thereof or the payment of annual or other periodical sums by way of composition therefor :

Provided always that the Council shall not by or under any such agreement or arrangement make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to or in favour of any particular person or any particular description of traffic or subject any particular person or any particular description of traffic to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage in any respect whatsoever :

If any person liable to pay any tolls thinks himself aggrieved by any such agreement or arrangement or by anything done in pursuance thereof he may apply to the Board of Trade and the Council shall follow the directions of the Board of Trade in the matter.



**35.** Subject to the provisions of this Act all tolls and charges payable under this Act shall at all times be charged equally and after the same respective rate in respect of all vessels of the same class or description and under the same circumstances and no remission reduction or advance of such tolls or charges shall either directly or indirectly be made partially or in favour of any such vessel.

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Tolls and charges to be charged equally.

**36.** The Council shall if required by the Postmaster-General perform with respect to any vessels provided or run by them under this Act all such services in regard to the conveyance of mails as the Postmaster-General may require a tramway company to perform under section 2 of the Conveyance of Mails Act 1893 and the provisions of that section and of sections 4 and 5 of the said Act shall so far as applicable extend and apply to the Council and to such vessels accordingly and for the purpose of such conveyance of mails any officer of the Post Office subject to any byelaws made by the Council under this Act shall be entitled to use any of the piers and landing places referred to in this Act.

As to conveyance of mails.

**37.** The Council may make and carry into effect arrangements for and with respect to the through booking and through conveyance and delivery of passengers parcels and traffic by any tramways owned or worked by the Council and any vessels used for the purposes of the service by this Act authorised and with respect to the interchange transmission and delivery of any such passengers parcels and traffic coming to or from any such tramways from or to any such vessels and passing over or carried by such tramways and vessels and may issue through tickets in connection therewith and may fix through fares tolls and charges to be demanded and recovered in respect of such passengers parcels and traffic and may apportion as between the tramway undertaking of the Council and the service by this Act authorised the receipts arising from such through booking and through conveyance interchange transmission and delivery of traffic carried over any such tramways and by any such vessels as aforesaid.

Through bookings &amp;c. with tramways of Council.

**38.** Every pier maintained by the Council under this Act shall (subject to the provisions of this Act and to the payment of the tolls and charges payable under this Act and so far as reasonably compatible with the conduct of the service of vessels by this Act authorised) be opened to all persons for the embarking and landing of passengers.

Council's piers to be used by public.

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For protec-  
tion of South  
Eastern and  
Chatham  
Railway  
Companies  
Managing  
Committee.

**39.** For the protection of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Companies Managing Committee (in this section referred to as "the managing committee") the following provisions shall unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Council and the managing committee have effect (that is to say):—

- (1) Within six months after the Council shall commence to exercise the powers of this Act the managing committee shall sell and the Council shall purchase the pier or landing stage (in this section referred to as "the said pier") known as Hungerford Pier situate on the eastern side of the bridge of the managing committee over the River Thames at Charing Cross upon such terms and conditions (subject to the provisions of this section) as may be agreed between the Council and the managing committee or as may failing such agreement be determined by an arbitrator to be agreed upon by the Council and the managing committee or failing agreement to be appointed on the application of either party by the Board of Trade:
- (2) The managing committee shall not less than three months before commencing to execute any work of widening or other structural alteration of the said bridge on the eastern side thereof give to the Council notice in writing of their intention to execute such work and shall at the same time deliver to the Council plans and sections of the intended widening or alteration with particulars of the manner in which the same is intended to be executed:
- (3) If any such work as aforesaid should be of such a character as to interfere with or obstruct the free and uninterrupted use of or to render less commodious the said pier for the accommodation of passengers vessels or other river traffic it shall be lawful for the Council at any time after the receipt of such notice as aforesaid and before the expiration of three months from the completion of any such widening or alteration by notice in writing to require the managing committee to repurchase the said pier and within six months after receipt of any such notice as last aforesaid the managing committee shall repurchase and the Council shall resell to them the said pier:

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Provided that in the event of any difference arising between the Council and the managing committee as to whether such works are of such a character as to interfere with or obstruct the free and uninterrupted use of the said pier or to render the same less commodious as aforesaid such difference shall be determined by an arbitrator to be agreed upon or failing agreement to be appointed on the application of either party by the Board of Trade:

- (4) Upon any such resale and repurchase the price to be paid to the Council by the managing committee shall be the sum paid to the managing committee by the Council on such purchase:
- (5) In the event of any such resale and repurchase as aforesaid all fittings fixtures and additions erected placed or made by the Council on or to the said pier shall remain and be the property of the Council and the Council shall be at liberty to remove the same doing as little damage to the said pier as may be and without making any payment or compensation to the managing committee.

40. Nothing in this Act contained shall enable the Council except with the consent of the Great Eastern Railway Company to interfere either temporarily or permanently with any piers landing places works or conveniences belonging to or used by the said company at North Woolwich or to exercise any powers with regard thereto and every such pier landing place work or convenience shall be exempted from any byelaws and regulations which the Council are by this Act authorised to make.

For protec-  
tion of Great  
Eastern  
Railway  
Company.

41.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or shown on the deposited plans the Council shall not under the powers of this Act enter upon take or use any lands or property belonging to or vested in the Admiralty without their consent in writing.

For protec-  
tion of Ad-  
miralty.

(2) The Council shall not without the consent of the Admiralty at any time execute any works for deepening dredging or improving the bed channel or foreshore of the River Thames within thirty yards of any part of the property of the Admiralty other than Greenwich Pier or erect construct or place or use any pier landing place mooring-chain or other similar work other than



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(3) Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to prejudice or affect or derogate from any rights privileges powers or authorities vested in or exerciseable or enjoyable by the Admiralty in respect of Greenwich Pier under or by virtue of the Act 6 & 7 William IV. cap. cxxviii. or the Act 7 William IV. cap. lvi. or any other Act relating to Greenwich Pier :

And all powers and authorities conferred on the Greenwich Company by the said Acts in respect of or incident to the land agreed to be leased to the Greenwich Company as mentioned in the said Acts and the reversion in fee simple of which land subject to the term of eighty years mentioned in the said Acts is or is reputed to be now vested in the Admiralty or in respect of or incident to the land in front of the former site of the old Ship Tavern now pulled down and the fee simple of which last mentioned land will at the expiration of the said term of eighty years become vested in the Admiralty under the said Act 7 William IV. cap. lvi. shall (in confirmation and extension of the provisions of the said Acts in reference to the said powers and authorities and subject and without prejudice during the said term of eighty years to the subsisting rights vested in the Greenwich Company or acquired by the Council under this Act) be and continue vested in the Admiralty in perpetuity and remain continuously in force and exerciseable by them and shall not either by reason of any cesser of occupation of the said lands or any part thereof by the Company or the Council or for any other reason whether consequential on any provision contained in the said Acts or this Act or otherwise become lapsed or in abeyance but during any lapse or abeyance which but for this present enactment might have occurred and subject and without prejudice as aforesaid all such powers and authorities may be continuously exercised and enforced by the Admiralty in like manner as if the same so far as not already vested in the Admiralty under the said Acts had been originally vested in and conferred on the Admiralty under the said Acts :

Provided that section 92 (Powers of the Act to be exercised by the Company while in possession of the pier and afterwards by the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital) of the said Act 6 & 7 William IV. cap. cxxviii. shall from and after the acquisition by the Council of the undertaking of the Greenwich

Company be read and construed as if the Council their lessees and assigns had been named or referred to therein instead of the Greenwich Company.

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(4) If the Council acquire the undertaking of the Greenwich Company and if the existing tenancy granted by the Greenwich Company of that portion of the pier which is now used as the terrace garden in front of the Ship Hotel shall expire or be determined the Council shall let the said portion of the pier at the option of the Admiralty either to the owner or to the occupier of the said hotel on the same conditions and at the rent on which the said portion of the pier is now let and shall not let the same to any other person than such owner or occupier without the consent of the Admiralty which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(5) If the Council acquire the undertaking of the Greenwich Company and if the Admiralty desire to use the premises comprising the Ship Hotel or the site thereof for any purpose for which they shall require to have a frontage to the River Thames the Council shall (if so required by the Admiralty and subject to the Admiralty giving all necessary facilities and to all necessary consents being obtained) move in an easterly direction the pontoon in front of Greenwich Pier so that no portion of such pontoon shall be in front of the portion of the said pier which is now used as the terrace garden of the Ship Hotel:

Provided that the Admiralty shall not place or permit or suffer to be placed in front of the said portion of the said pier any structure whatsoever which shall project further into the River Thames than the said pontoon in its altered position and shall not use or permit or suffer to be used the said portion of the said pier or any structure placed in front thereof or adjacent thereto in any way which would obstruct or interfere with the access of steamers or other vessels or of the public to the other portions of the said pier or the pontoon in its altered position.

(6) Nothing in this Act shall extend to vary defeat alienate lessen abrogate or prejudice any rights jurisdiction or authority by law vested in the Admiralty to use Greenwich Pier for naval or military purposes.

42. Nothing in this Act shall authorise the Council—

- (1) To construct or provide any pier landing or shipping place or any moorings mooring-chains mooring-posts

For protection of Commissioners of Works.

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buoys or other works or appliances on or in front of, or

(2) To deepen or dredge the bed or channel or in any way interfere with the foreshore of the River Thames in front of, or

(3) To take use or in any way interfere with

any land property or rights vested in or under the management of or exerciseable by or on behalf of the Commissioners of Works without the consent in writing of such Commissioners first had and obtained for that purpose which consent the said Commissioners are hereby authorised to give subject to such terms and conditions as they may think fit.

Saving rights  
of Duchy of  
Lancaster.

**43.** Nothing contained in this Act shall extend or operate to authorise the Council to take use enter upon or in any manner interfere with any land soil water or hereditaments or any land parcel of any manor or any manorial rights or any other rights of whatsoever description belonging to His Majesty in right of His Duchy of Lancaster without the consent in writing of the Chancellor for the time being of the said Duchy first had and obtained (which consent the said Chancellor is hereby authorised to give) or take away prejudice or diminish any estate right privilege power or authority vested in or enjoyed or exerciseable by His Majesty His heirs or successors in right of His said Duchy.

Saving rights  
of Duchy of  
Cornwall.

**44.** Nothing contained in this Act shall extend to authorise the Council to take use enter upon or interfere with any land soil or water or any rights in respect thereof belonging to His Majesty in right of the Duchy of Cornwall without the consent in writing of some two or more of such of the regular officers of the said Duchy or of such other persons as may be duly authorised under the provisions of the Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1863 section 39 to exercise all or any of the rights powers privileges and authorities by the said Act made exerciseable or otherwise for the time being exerciseable in relation to the said Duchy or belonging to the Duke of Cornwall for the time being without the consent of such Duke testified in writing under the seal of the Duchy of Cornwall first had and obtained for that purpose or to take away diminish alter prejudice or affect any property rights profits privileges powers or authorities vested in or enjoyed by His Majesty in right of the Duchy of Cornwall or in or by the Duke of Cornwall for the time being.



45. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend to or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from the estates rights interests privileges liberties or franchises of the Conservators or to prohibit defeat alter or diminish any powers authority or jurisdiction which at the time of the passing of this Act the Conservators did or might lawfully claim use or exercise under and by virtue of the Thames Conservancy Act 1894 or otherwise.

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Saving rights  
of Thames  
Conserva-  
tors.

46. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend to or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from the charters and grants of the Watermen's Company or the provisions of the Watermen's and Lightermen's Amendment Act 1859 and the Thames Watermen's and Lightermen's Act 1893 or such of the provisions of the Thames Conservancy Act 1894 as relate to the Watermen's Company or the lawful byelaws rules and regulations of the Watermen's Company or any rights privileges or franchises or jurisdictions powers or authorities which the Watermen's Company have or lawfully claim.

Saving rights  
of Water-  
men's and  
Lighter-  
men's Com-  
pany.

47. Nothing contained in this Act shall authorise the Council to take use or in any manner interfere with any land or hereditaments including the bed or soil or shores of the River Thames or any rights of whatsoever description belonging to the King's most Excellent Majesty in right of His Crown and under the management of the Commissioners of Woods without the consent in writing of the Commissioners of Woods on behalf of His Majesty first had and obtained for that purpose (which consent such Commissioners are hereby authorised to give) neither shall anything in this Act contained extend to take away prejudice diminish or alter any of the estates rights privileges powers or authorities vested in or enjoyed or exerciseable by the King's Majesty.

Saving rights  
of Crown.

48. The Council shall in every year on or before the first day of February transmit to the Commissioners of Woods a return verified by their clerk under his hand containing full particulars of all rents revenues and proceeds accruing or arising from any piers landing places or other works or from any estate or interest in such piers landing places or works which shall have been transferred or granted by the Conservators to the Council or shall have been constructed by the Council upon any part of the bed or soil or shores of the River Thames now belonging to the Conservators under the authority of this Act and which are not the subject of

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of Woods.

A.D. 1904. an agreement under the next succeeding section of this Act such account to specify the sources from which such rents revenues and proceeds were respectively derived and shall in every year on or before the first day of March pay over one equal third part of all the rents revenues and profits received as aforesaid during the year ended on the then last thirty-first day of December unto the Commissioners of Woods on behalf of the King's most Excellent Majesty to be applied as part of the hereditary possessions and land revenues of the Crown.

Power to  
Commissioners of Woods  
and Council  
to agree as  
to rents for  
piers &c.

49. The Commissioners of Woods with the consent of the Treasury and the Council may make agreements respecting the annual payments to be made hereafter by the Council to the Commissioners of Woods in respect of all or any piers landing places or works acquired by the Council from the Conservators or constructed by the Council upon any part of the bed or soil or shores of the River Thames now belonging to the Conservators under the authority of this Act and all sums paid to the Commissioners of Woods in pursuance of any such agreement shall be applied (in like manner as sums received by the Commissioners of Woods from the Council under the last preceding section of this Act) as part of the hereditary possessions and land revenues of the Crown.

Money to be  
raised on  
capital ac-  
count.

50.—(1) The Council may expend on capital account for the purposes of this Act such money as they may from time to time think fit not exceeding two hundred and eighty thousand pounds and in order to raise or provide the money required for those purposes the Council may from time to time create and issue consolidated stock or resort to the Consolidated Loans Fund or otherwise raise money in accordance in each case with the provisions of the Acts for the time being in force regulating the raising of money for capital purposes by the Council:

Provided that nothing in this Act shall authorise the borrowing and expenditure of any money on capital account after the thirtieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and five.

(2) The Council in accordance with the provisions in relation to redemption and repayment of the Acts relating to the raising and expenditure of money by the Council on capital account shall make provision for the redemption of stock or the repayment of money borrowed or expended on capital account for the purposes of this Act within such term not exceeding in any case sixty years as the Council with the consent of the Treasury may determine.

51. The Council shall keep separate accounts of all receipts and all expenses arising under this Act comprising accounts for revenue and capital purposes respectively. A.D. 1904.  
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Separate ac-  
counts.

To the revenue account shall be carried all tolls charges and other receipts of the nature of income and out of it shall be defrayed all expenses of maintenance and management for the purposes of this Act and the requisite payments to the Consolidated Loans Fund in respect of interest on and repayment of money borrowed for the purposes of this Act.

Any deficiency of revenue shall from time to time be made good out of the county rate as a payment for general county purposes within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1888 and any surplus of revenue over expenses shall at such times as the Council direct be carried to a reserve fund or to the general county account of the county fund.

Moneys from time to time received by the Council in respect of any sales or disposition of property and any other receipts of a capital nature shall be paid into the capital account and applied in or towards capital expenditure or to provide for the repayment of money borrowed.

52. All costs and expenses of the Council in the execution of this Act (except so far as they may be otherwise provided for by this or any other Act) shall be defrayed as payments for general county purposes within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1888 and the costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Council in the like manner. As to pay-  
ments under  
this Act.



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The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

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